

# Summit Gem - May2022 Newsletter



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### 2022 Board Members:

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Immediate Past President and 2022 Gemboree Chair – Becky Kosco

### Mission Statement

*To afford the opportunity to share interest in lapidary knowledge and working techniques*

**May 10th, 2022 Monthly Meeting**  
**(the SECOND Tuesday of the month!)**

**was held in person and online**

at 7:00 PM at the Polish American Club

The Polish American Club (PAC) is located at 472 Glenwood Ave, Akron 44310. The invitations to the Zoom meeting are sent to those who have provided their email addresses.



**Here is the 2022 ZOOM LINK for the 2nd Tuesday of each Month for the Members' Meetings.**

**NOTE: We will not be meeting this summer in July or August. (We do plan to meet in June.) Suzanne Shoffner is contacting Mineral to see when they are doing their summer picnic and we will keep our members informed of any summer plans.**

Summit Lapidary Club is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Topic: Summit Lapidary Club: Member's Meeting (Recurrs Monthly, 2022)  
Every month on the Second Tue, until Dec 13, 2022, 12 occurrence(s)

May 10, 2022 07:00 PM  
Jun 14, 2022 07:00 PM  
Sep 13, 2022 07:00 PM

Oct 11, 2022 07:00 PM  
Nov 8, 2022 07:00 PM  
Dec 13, 2022 07:00 PM

**Here is the link for the monthly MEMBER'S Meetings**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81742465223?pwd=OS9jOTFtdjhZODJTTWVZaWM5NDQrdz09>

**MEMBERS' MEETINGS**

**MEMBERS' MEETING ID: 817 4246 5223**  
**Passcode: 526586**

**Computer or Digital Device:** You're welcome to activate your camera and speaker settings. Once inside the Zoom virtual meeting, you can type comments in the chat feature to 'everyone' or to another member 'privately'. **Your attention and participation are appreciated.**

Please **'mute your microphone'** during the administrative meeting to eliminate background noise not related to the meeting, if you are not actively speaking. This will help us run a smooth virtual meeting; appropriately distanced. Once the general meeting has concluded, you are welcome to stay online to chat it up with other members. *\*Consider reaching out to your friends who may not be as versed in digital capabilities as you and offer to lend a digital-techie hand and help bring them up to speed.*

**And here is the 2022 link for the monthly BOARD MEETINGS**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82749786164?pwd=VjNBNTRUQVltOHFTVHc2QjdUR3NtQT09>

**BOARD MEETINGS**

**BOARD MEETING ID: 827 4978 6164**  
**Passcode: 234899**

Topic: Summit Lapidary Board Meeting, 7:00 PM (recurs monthly, 2022). Time: Mar 29, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada). The last Tuesday of each month, until December, 2022, 12 occurrences.

May 31, 2022 07:00 PM

Sep 27, 2022 07:00 PM

Nov 29, 2022 07:00 PM

Aug 30, 2022 07:00 PM

Oct 25, 2022 07:00 PM

Dec 27, 2022 07:00 PM

**Program:** to be announced by Guy Kotch

### **President's Message** – by Gene Willis

I want to thank everyone for their support for our Spring Gemboree. It is amazing to witness such team work. Congratulations to all the Leads and to all the club members who participated.

The oil for the saws has arrived, so it's time to clean the saws of the old muck.

We have two new 80 grit diamond wheels for the grinders to install.

Hopefully Spring has truly sprung for us here in northern Ohio. Enjoy the warm (and sometimes wet) spring weather!

Stay safe and healthy,  
Gene Willis

### **GEMBOREE NEWS from Becky:**

We had a successful Spring '22 show thanks to all of you!

### **A BIG thank you to all!**

Though Mother Nature didn't quite cooperate with our show by providing one of the 1<sup>st</sup> beautiful weekends of the spring, we still had 1000 people through the door on Saturday and close to that on Sunday. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) set up in the lobby providing lots of information. They were happy with how many contacts they had and plan to be back next Spring.

I am very grateful to all the members who volunteered their time to help run the show. We are still in a transitional time regarding Covid and that kept some folks away. We handed out sanitizing gel to the dealers that was generously donated by Gail Streater.

Our Hospitality Lead Bonnie Willis is stepping down – Those will be some large shoes to fill! Thank you so much for all you have done, Bonnie.

Evelyn was able to get our Show listed in the Akron Beacon under "Things to do" – we were the 1<sup>st</sup> event listed!

Please remember the Gemborees are for our clubs. That is why it is important to help at the show or in any way possible to support the club. There is no "I" in Club or Gemboree.

Thank you one and all - Becky  
Hope your New Year ROCKS!!

### **Gemboree Meeting, Post Spring 2022:**

Gemboree Leads: Please attend a Gemboree meeting 6pm May 10<sup>th</sup> at the Polish American Club prior to the SLC meeting. Please be prepared with any problems or suggestions for your area.

If you cannot attend the meeting please contact Becky ahead of time with any information you want her to share. She thanks all of you for all you did to make this a successful show!

### **SLC Dues** – 2022 Dues are now way past due.

Dues include the initial registration fee of \$25, plus ANNUAL DUES of \$48 per year and just \$44 if paid before March 1<sup>st</sup>. Dues can be brought to our meetings or sent to Summit Lapidary Club, 244 Chestnut Blvd., Cuyahoga Falls, Oh 44221.

**April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Board Meeting highlights:**

Insurance and storage for the Gemboree are due June 1<sup>st</sup>. Jason Adams refused the honorarium for his presentation. The Board approved paying Jason's dues for 2023 in appreciation (which is less than the amount we would have paid him as his honorarium). The idea of having an "Antique Roadshow" type of talk with Jason was discussed, perhaps in the Fall. No new membership information.

Gemboree attendance was good (1,766 for the weekend). Mr. Pellegrino might remodel and if he does, we will have to move our stored items to a new area. ODNR would like to return for the Fall Gemboree. The need for having water and perhaps food was discussed. Some of the display cases need repair. We received some free advertising from local papers. No issues were raised over increasing the cost of the gem mine and gem trees.

We agreed to keep our meetings at PAC through June of 2023. No regular club meetings in July and August of this year. Newsletter is running behind. The oil for the saws came in. David Rich's Garden Club asked for, and received, the Board's permission to sell flowers on the lawn again on May 28<sup>th</sup>. The idea of having a pop up sale at the clubhouse was raised. The Board approved the nomination of Susanne Shoffner as the Club's Rockhound of the year to the Mid-West Federation.

**Classes and Events:**

**Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, Noon:** Another silversmithing class by Dave Macseoinin at the clubhouse.

**Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm:** Gemboree Lead's meeting at the Polish American Club.

**Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm:** SLC Members' meeting at the Polish American Club.

**Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>:** The Geo Fair is being held Cincinnati.

**Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>:** The GeoJuniors are planning a trip to Flint Ridge.

**Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 7:00pm:** The Board Meeting at the clubhouse.

**Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>:** GeoJuniors will be meeting at the clubhouse.

**New Series of Metal Smithing Classes to be offered:**

Dave and Mary have designed a series of classes that will build upon each other to advance your skill set. Each one brings a new technique that you have not done before. After taking these classes you will be able to tackle most projects with more confidence than before. (Maybe you will be encouraged to design a new piece and enter the club's Contest!) Each class will build upon the skills from the earlier classes, so classes would ideally be taken sequentially but we are willing to work with you on that.

Metalsmithing classes in copper, silver, or brass – participants must furnish their own metal (20 or 22 gauge copper, silver or brass sheet, bezel wire, and hard, medium, and soft solder) and appropriate stones. V-rock carries all these, or you can order online from any number of vendors, including Rio Grande and many others.

**Beginning metal smithing classes:**

- class 1: Simple pendant with simple half ring bail (using a 25x18mm cabochon)
- class 2: Forged penannular pin, with two small cabochons (8mm or smaller) on the spatulas
- class 3: Decorative pendant (using approx. a 25x18mm cabochon) with a tube bail

**Intermediate metal smithing classes:**

- class 4: Ring (using a 10x13 cabochon), with simple shank
- class 5: Decorative ring (with a cabochon of choice), with double shank or split shank

**Advanced**

- class 6: Pendant [using one or more cabochon(s) of choice] with a hinge
- class 7: Pin (using a cabochon of choice) with a spring back
- class 8: Channel inlay pendant, pin, or belt buckle

Would anyone be interested in acquiring or increasing your smithing skills?

**So who wants to teach a class? What classes do you want offered?**

If you would be interested in offering a class or scheduling time at the clubhouse, please contact Kathi Hampton or Mary Myers. Please be aware of common-sense health precautions, particularly if you have not yet been vaccinated. We value you and want to keep all our members healthy and alive. Covid still lives!

**William Holland (WH) trip and information from Sandy:** Planned for the week of Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

There are still openings available if anyone is interested. Contact Sandy Shorter @ 440-479-0069.

WH is requiring proof of full vaccinations to attend class, either the card or a photo copy of the card will suffice.

**Sunshine News:**

We continue to have many members who have suffered from illnesses, falls, surgeries, or other health related concerns this year, but sorry, I don't have any current information. Some of our members are traveling, and some are even out of the country. Bonnie has been sending cards as she learns about illnesses. Is anyone willing to step up and track members so that we can keep in better touch with those who are ill or have been injured?

**GeoJuniors Program Information from Evelyn:** Geojuniors are meeting on May 8th.

**Library news from Doug Shorter:** Please return your materials on Saturday mornings. You can also usually check out items on Saturday mornings.

**Newsletter from Mary:** Do you have anything that you might like to share? I welcome participation from our members – a short paragraph about something you've learned or a special location related to our lapidary interests would be most welcome! Don't worry about 'polishing' your piece, I'll do that for you (ha-ha!) Please email me at [SLCnewsletter2019@gmail.com](mailto:SLCnewsletter2019@gmail.com).

**Proposal to move the meetings back to the Quirk Center:**

For now, we're continuing to meet at the Polish American Club, through June of 2023.

**Membership information:** If you know of anyone in the club who is not receiving emails or invitations to our zoom meetings, please forward their email addresses to Cathy Milhoan at [cthymilhoan@yahoo.com](mailto:cthymilhoan@yahoo.com). Please update your contact information to Cathy if you move or change your phone number. Membership dues can be sent to the clubhouse. (The address was provided on page 1).

**Miscellaneous items:**

**Calls for Volunteers:**

We need volunteers!

- Fall Gemboree: Please mark your calendars for October 22 and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.
- We are still looking for members to help Bob Spore with the Rock Tumbler Role at the club.
- Any members planning on rocking vacations?
- We need members to help with saw cleaning monthly. It's not difficult, it's just messy diving into the oil.
- We need members to help with machine maintenance. These individuals will need some mechanical skills.
- We also need members to volunteer to vacuum once in a while, wipe down surfaces, clean the restrooms, swab the floor, sweep the decks, hoist the main, that sort of thing. It's OUR clubhouse. ... and I promise kudos to volunteers (if I know about their efforts).

**Kudos to our last month's volunteers:**

- Thanks to everyone who has helped this past month – there are really way too many names to mention individually. By the way, the clubhouse is looking good! Thanks to all for helping with that.

**Shop Tender Days:**

During the month of April, Dave Macseoinin, Kathi Hampton, John Kerr, and Mary Myers have volunteered to

be 'shop tenders' for any of our club members who do not have a key to the club, or for new members who would like to learn to use our equipment. It is so nice to see members coming back to the club!

Shop tenders can open the club for you and be on hand if you have questions about the equipment downstairs. New members will be able to work on making some slabs or cabochons, but you must make an appointment with one of our shop tenders.

You can call or text David Macseoinin at 234-706-1523.

You can call or text John Kerr at 330-701-1882.

You can call or text Kathi Hampton at 330-690-2070.

You can text Mary Myers at 330-696-4315.

We will be available by appointment only – and please remember bring your masks and safety gear! You must wear safety glasses and a dust mask when working on the machines downstairs. Oil mist, rock dust, and chips are dangerous to your eyes and your lungs.

### **Zoom availability and informal gatherings in the clubhouse - Saturday mornings or on Zoom, anytime:**

If you're interested, please come for the Saturday mornings coffee klatches! Remember, we are still limited to some of the Covid restrictions at least for a while yet, and please take proper precautions.

### **Minutes from General meeting on April 12th, 2022**

Platform: In-person and Zoom

7:00 pm Start Time

Meeting leader: Gene Willis, President

Minutes taken by Kathi Hampton

Gene brought the meeting to order.

Mary made the comment that we will accept questions during board meeting that pertain to the agenda.

Kathi made a motion to accept the new rules and Franks seconded it. Majority were in favor.

**Membership-** We have 24 paid members now.

**Gemboree-** Becky has the floor plan for the Gemboree. We will serve donuts Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The vendors will have water and coffee available to them. Friday after set-up we will have pizza for members. Saturday and Sunday we are asking for the members to volunteer food for those working. Laura wants to close the books so if anyone has receipts please give them to Laura. Members are to come to the admissions table to sign in and pick up badges. Sign up Genius is still available for those who haven't signed up yet. We need help on Sunday with the Gem mines and Geo Cracking as well as tear down, Sunday night.

Evelyn stated that the programs are at the printers. Our show is in the May issue of Rock and Gem. Contracts have been sent out for the Fall show. If you see a dealer that would be good for our show, get their business card and Evelyn will contact them. Susanne passed around the sign up sheet for the display cases.

Rock bagging for the Gemboree will be this Saturday, April 16 at 9:00 or 9:30. It will last about 1 ½ hours. Bob wants to do 12 buckets.

Some members are not happy about the club members being vendors. Members pay the vendor fee and abide by vendor rules.

**Siding-** There is a quote for \$8500 to replace the siding. Gene thinks that we can just replace the missing or used pieces. Jerry will look at siding on Saturday and give his opinion. Tom asked him to look at the roof. There are shingles that need to be replaced on the shed.

**Newsletter-** Mary will have it out soon.

**Classes-** Dave is offering a silver smithing class on May 7 at noon. The project is a penannular pin with 2 cabochons. Members must bring their own material.

**Square Dance show-** We are meeting after the board meeting on April 26 to final plans for the show.

**Geo Jrs-** 4 children were at the last meeting. They volunteered to set up a display case, 3 children have never done a display case before.

**Equipment-** Gene is looking into purchasing cutting oil. Saw #1 is adjustable. All saws are working well. Gene thought we could save \$15 a gallon on oil but it can't be recycled.

**Midwest Federation-** The federation is asking about deceased members from our club and Mineral.

**Big Dig-** David will check dates with the man who has the bulldozer.

**Treasurer-** All bills are paid.

**Program-** Jason Adams brought pieces from his collection for the program tonight.

Bob made a motion to adjourn meeting and Guy seconded it. All approved.

### **Gems provided by members:**

#### **DEBURRING A HOLE**

When you drill a hole, there's always a burr produced on the underside of the metal. We all have our ways of removing them - typically by filing or sanding the area smooth. But doing it this way will put scratches on your piece that will have to be polished off.



A quick way to remove the burr is to grab a drill that's two or three times larger than your hole. Simply twist it in the hole to cut off the burr. I usually do this twisting by hand, but if you have many holes to do, it's easier on your fingers to put the drill into a holder like a pin vice.

#### **CLEANING STEEL SHOT**

Steel shot in a vibratory or rotary tumbler works great to burnish and shine your finished silver pieces. But a common problem is how keep the shot clean. Carbon steel shot can get rusty if exposed to the air, and even stainless steel shot can sometimes develop a blackish coating that's hard to remove.

My solution of choice to clean the shot is Classic Coke. Just pour an ounce or two over the shot and let the tumbler run for an hour or so. A bad case might require a second cleaning. Some folks like to let the bubbles in the Coke dissipate before using it so that gas pressure doesn't build up in the tumbler barrel. I've heard that it's the phosphoric acid in Coke that does the trick. While you're waiting for the shot to clean up, just settle back and enjoy the rest of the Coke.

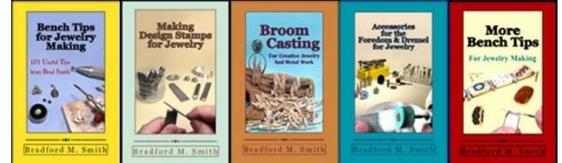
Happy hammering, Brad Smith

Smart Solutions for Your Jewelry Making Problems

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#### **SEPTEMBER 23-25 CLEVELAND**

**Location:** Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds, 19201 E Bagley Rd, Middleburg Heights, OH 44130

**Hours:** Fridays and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Admission:** General admission is \$6. Free for children under 12.

#### **OCTOBER 22-23, 2022 CUYAHOGA FALLS**

##### **Our Very Own, Gemboree!!!**

**Location:** Emidio's Party Center

**Hours:** Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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#### **NOVEMBER 11-13 BUFFALO**

**Location:** The Fairgrounds at Hamburg, 5600 McKinley Pkwy, Hamburg, NY 14075

**Hours:** Fridays and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Admission:** General admission is \$6. Free for children under 12.